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**DISTRICT FOUR**

**APRIL 16, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE**



*Councilman Young at the Opening Ceremonies of the 2008 Lao New Year Celebration and Cultural Fair.*

## **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**On Monday, April 14, 2008 the San Diego City Council denied the Salary Setting Commission's Recommendation to increase salaries from \$75,386 to 125,000.** The Salary Setting Commission is required by the City Charter to recommend Council salaries by February 15<sup>th</sup> of "every even year". The Commission wrote to hundreds of community and civic organizations, civic leaders, past and present Council members and members of the electronic and print media, informing them of the salary evaluation process and inviting them to participate and comment. The Commission held public meetings and also met several times. The Commission studied facts, figures, comparisons, and trends including the adequacy of current salaries, comparable Mayor and Council salaries in other cities, the current salaries of City management personnel including police chief, fire chief, Mayor's management staff, and others. **The Commission's goal and purpose was and is to develop appropriate salary recommendations for the "positions" of Mayor and Councilmember not the person whom is currently in office.**



**The Council considered their recommendations and approved a lesser amount of \$93,000. San Diego is no longer a small town. It is one of the largest cities in the nation. The “positions” of Mayor and Council members are reflective of and appropriate for, Mayors and Council members in large cities.** The Mayor set the Council Offices budget from which Council salaries are paid from. The Council Budgets have not increased in two years and **will not increase as a result of these actions!**

**On Tuesday, April 15, 2008 the Mayor presented his proposed budget to the San Diego City Council. The propose budget reflects a 13% percent increase over last year’s budget. Revenues are projected to increase by at least \$82 million. Despite this increase there are still recommendations to cut key services important to our youth and families in libraries and park and recreation.** I look forward to the council budget discussions on these matters and I encourage all of you to attend the Mayor’s budget forums being held in each Council District. The Budget Forum for the 4<sup>th</sup> Council District will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street.

**On Tuesday, April 16, 2008 the San Diego City Council approved funding in the amount of \$6 million to pave streets in various parts of the city. Several streets throughout District 4 will be paved as a result of these actions.**

**On Thursday, April 17, 2008, The California Reinvestment Coalition (CRC) will honor key community advocates, who have worked tirelessly to keep working families in their homes amidst the foreclosure crisis. These community heroes will be presented Screaming Eagle Awards at CRC’s annual spring benefit “Celebrate California Reinvestment 2008.”**

I have been selected to receive a Screaming Eagle Award as member of the San Diego City Council and co-chair of the City/County Reinvestment Task Force for taking a lead in policy efforts to investigate the foreclosure crisis and develop solutions to mitigate the impact foreclosures have on San Diego neighborhoods. Others receiving this award include Lori Gay, CEO of Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services, Ed Kussman, a leader of Fair Housing Council of the San Fernando Valley, Ken McCormick, a deputy district attorney in Contra Costa County, and No Homeowner Left Behind Initiative, a community-based coalition in Fresno.

The California Reinvestment Coalition (CRC) is a statewide coalition of more



than 250 nonprofit organizations and public agencies that has worked to increase access to credit for affordable housing, community economic development, and consumer services in low-income communities and communities of color since 1986.

## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

**The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 will provide payments to over 130 million American households. Under this law you may be entitled to receive a one time payment of up to \$600.00.** IRS will begin sending out payments in May, 2008. In order to receive your payment, you must file a 2007 tax return. Even though your personal circumstances did not require you to file a 2007 tax return, you still must do so in order to receive your check. Please visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for additional information.

**VOTE NOW in Oprah's Big Give! 10News, ABC and Oprah's Big Give are challenging San Diegans to make a difference in their community.** In the spirit of this inspiring new show, \$10,000 will be given to one deserving local non-profit. 10News has selected the **Jackie Robinson Family YMCA** as one of the five deserving non-profits to compete for the \$10,000. Organizations had four weeks to raise a minimum of \$10,000 to be eligible for a match. Now it is up to viewers to vote online for one of the qualifying non-profits. To vote visit: [www.10news.com/entertainment/15515932/detail.html](http://www.10news.com/entertainment/15515932/detail.html). The non-profit with the highest number of votes will receive the match. Only one entry per person is allowed. The winner will be revealed in a 30-minute special aired at **5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 18** on 10News. Oprah's Big Give airs Sunday at 8:00 p.m. on ABC.

**Learn how you can reduce WILDFIRE risk to homes in your community.** FREE: "Living with Wildfire" course with Anne Fege, retired Cleveland National Forest Supervisor and other local experts will be held on April 16, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 p at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market St.) For more information please contact Martha Bertles of the Sierra Club San Diego Canyons Campaign at (619) 698-5699 or (619) 855-1079 or email at [pinenut1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pinenut1@sbcglobal.net).

**I Want To Live: The Movement YOUTH JOB FAIR! Presented by the Fourth District Youth Advisory Board (Y.A.B) and the San Diego Workforce Partnership** will be held on April 17, 2008 at 4:00pm at the South Metro Career Center (4389 Imperial Ave.) Bring your resume and dress for success! For more information contact Derrick White at (619) [236-6644/dwhite@sandiego.gov](mailto:236-6644/dwhite@sandiego.gov) or



Angela Webb at (619) 228-2976/ [angelaw@workforce.org](mailto:angelaw@workforce.org).

**The National Black Contractors Association's National Summit and 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** "Beyond Civil Rights and Affirmative Action" will be held on April 18, 2008 at the National Headquarters of BCA in the City of San Diego, located at 6125 Imperial Ave. For more information please contact, Abdur-Rahim Hameed (619) 865-9057 or Janiece of the Black Contractors Association of California, RSVP at (619) 263-9791 or (619) 723-4885.

**Teaching Music with REASON hosted by the Southeastern Teen Center (THA SET)** classes begin on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at the Southeastern Teen Center (588 Euclid Ave.) Learn how to use pre-production software to make your own tracks/beats. Ages 13-19. Sign up now! Space is limited! For more info call (619) 264-4575.

**SALSA ANYONE? (A Fundraiser for the Malcolm X Library) every Thursday, April 3 ▪ 10 ▪ 17 ▪ 24 from 6:45 – 8:15 pm** Join the hottest dance scene in the country every Thursday in April at Malcolm X Library. Learn to dance the salsa and raise money for the Library's Children's Book Fund. Master dance teacher Dennard Clendenin will teach you the basics of this Afro-Cuban dance style and how to cut up on the dance floor. Two classes available: **SALSA 101** for beginners **6:45 to 7:30** and **SALSA 102** for the more seasoned **7:30 to 8:15** who want to steal some new moves. Minimum \$5:00 donation. All proceeds will support Malcolm X Library's Children's Book & Program Fund. Please call (619) 527-3405 to register. Salsa dancing is a great alternative to your usual exercise routine.

**AUDITIONS for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Day in the 4<sup>th</sup>" hosted by the Fourth District Youth Advisory Board (Y.A.B)** will be held on Wednesday April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 2008 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market St.) Calling all poets, singers, dancers, rappers, steppers, praise dancers, etc. to come out and audition. For more info please contact Y.A.B at (619) 236-6644 or email them at [fourthdistrictyab@yahoo.com](mailto:fourthdistrictyab@yahoo.com) or visit their webpage at [www.myspace.com/yabsd](http://www.myspace.com/yabsd).

**Lincoln High School PTSA has applied for \$15,000.00!** The funds will be used to assist the 1<sup>st</sup> graduating class of the newly rebuilt LHS with graduating expenses, scholarship opportunities via their school, and senior mementos. Your support is needed! Please go to the link [www.hamburgerhelper.com](http://www.hamburgerhelper.com) select "Find A



Project”, then select the state California last click search and the project is listed as: San Diego, CA Lincoln High School PTSA The Hive is Alive Seniors of 2008. **The San Diego Unified School District and the San Diego Community College District is offering Community-Based English Tutoring on Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9:00am-11:00am and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Webster Elementary School (4801 Elm Street, Room B17).** Free English classes for adults with free babysitting provided. For more information contact Antionette Aliotto at (619) 263-6628. 3016.

**Are you a senior in need of home delivered meals? Let Meals-on-Wheels serve you!** Meals-on-Wheels support the independence and wellbeing of seniors by delivering nutritious and tasty meals to their homes. For more information, please call (619) 295-9501 or visit [www.meals-on-wheels.org](http://www.meals-on-wheels.org).

**Got Medicare? Having problems paying for prescriptions?** Take advantage of a special government program that helps pay for some Medicare Part D drug plan costs. If you are interested in learning more and applying please call 1-877-734-3258.

**Small Business Management Classes** will be held on Tuesdays April 8- June 3, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Room 213 at the Mid-City Center (3792 Fairmont Ave.) (619) 388-4500 or Wednesdays April 9- June 4, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Room B-3 at Clairemont High School (3890 Modoc St.) (619) 221-6973. For more info contact Instructor Bert Cordova at (858) 274-4258.

**American Sign Language Class are held only on Wednesday's** at the George Stevens Senior Center (570 S. 65<sup>th</sup> St) from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm. Session #13 begins on April 9<sup>th</sup> and each session is \$25.00. For more information, please contact Instructor Christina Davis-Falls at (619) 865-4687.

**“Music is my Life” Music Business Conference presented by Buddha Frog Music Publishing** will be held on April 19, 2008 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street) For more information please contact Don at (858) 344-5400 or send email with name and phone number to [info@mybuddhafrog.com](mailto:info@mybuddhafrog.com).

**Webster Community Clean Up!** On Wednesday, March 19, 2008, the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department along with Derrick White conducted a Mini Community Cleanup in the Webster area. This successful cleanup removed a total of 7.75 tons of waste (6.05 tons of non-recyclables and 1.70 tons





of recyclables consisting of metals and appliances) from the neighborhood.

**Beginning March 1, 2008 the City of San Diego Water and Wastewater Departments will be returning to billing water and sewer customers every two months.**

The Departments had been billing customers on a monthly basis since 2003; however that practice resulted in numerous complaints of inaccurate water and sewer bills due to estimating usage. Billing every two months will allow for accurate meter reading reflected on your bills. Customers receiving bills in March will not receive their next bill until May. Customers who received their bills in February will receive their next bill in April. If your next water bill seems high, please be sure to check that it is covering a two month period before you call for an explanation.

**Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.**

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

*I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.*

*- George Bernard Shaw*

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

**Mountain View Community Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Mt. View Park, 551 S. 40<sup>th</sup> St (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

**Paradise Hills Village Council Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 6:30p.m at Lee Elementary, 6196 Childs Ave. (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)



**Diamond Business Improvement District Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 8:00p.m at 5106 Federal Blvd. Ste.105 (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

**Lomita Village Town Council Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Skyline Park Rec. Center, 8285 Skyline Drive (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

**Coalition of Neighborhood Council Meeting** will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jacobs Center, 5160 Federal Blvd. (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)

**Southeastern Planning Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00p.m at the Neighborhood House Association, 841 S. 41<sup>st</sup> St. (Petrina Burnham Branch staffs this meeting)

**Chollas View Community Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 6:00p.m at the Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Ave. (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

**Chollas Lake Recreation Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2755 55<sup>th</sup> Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

**Alta Vista Community Council Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Nye Elementary School, 981 South Valencia Parkway (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

*“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”*

*—Dr. Martin Luther King*

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions.

Please visit the City's web site at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing



members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

## SAVE THIS DATE:

**Active Older Adults (age 55+) are middle school students of Project Live at O'Farrell Community School present Intergenerational Games** will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at O'Farrell Community School (6130 Skyline Dr.) Join with youth in a day of educational and physical activities! For more information please contact Judy Joffe at (858) 505-6332 or [judith.joffe@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:judith.joffe@sdcounty.ca.gov).

**Mayor Jerry Sanders is hosting a Budget Town Hall Meeting to share important elements of the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget with San Diegans.** This meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street).

**Senior Portfolio Exhibition- You're invited to be a Panelist!** The staff and students of Morse High School would like to extend a special Tiger invitation to you to participate as a panelist at our annual Senior Exhibition Day on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 11:15 am to 3:00 pm. (Lunch will be served from 11:15-11:45). Please plan to commit your service for the total time indicated. For more information please contact Anne Bengtson at (619) 262-0762 ext 2004 or [abengtson@sandi.net](mailto:abengtson@sandi.net).

**Barbara Web Career Fair-Diversity Career Fairs: Tap into San Diego's Diverse Resources** will be held on Thursday April 24, 2008 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Golden Hall San Diego Concourse (202 C St.) For more information, please call (619) 266-6244.

**Diversity Solutions Career Fair- Diversity Career Fairs: Tap into San Diego's Diverse Resources** will be held on Friday April 25, 2008 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market St.) For more information please call (619) 527-3405.

**The Coalition for Neighborhood Councils will be hosting a Residential Care Facilities Forum on** April 26, 2008 at 11:00am at 415 S. Euclid Ave. Please





RSVP Bruce Williams at [bruce@cncsandiego.org](mailto:bruce@cncsandiego.org) or Franco Garcia at (619) 325-3580 x403.

**Chollas Creek Cleanup at 47<sup>th</sup> St near Fairmount Av. (Webster) Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM to Noon**

There will be a cleanup at Chollas Creek as part of Creek to Bay Cleanup sponsored by "I Love a Clean San Diego." We'll try to cover the Chollas Creek from Sunshine Baseball Field to Euclid Ave. Direction to Chollas Creek at 47th St. Entrance

From 805, take Home Ave Exit going east to Fairmount Ave. Turn right on Fairmount Ave and go to second stoplight, then turn left on 47th St. Follow 47th St. to the bottom of the hill to the main entrance gate on the left.

For more information, contact Bill 619-264-1299 You can go to <http://creektobay.org/> Click on "Cleanup Sites", click on "Zone 4" and then click on "Chollas Creek - 47th Street" link Friends of Chollas Creek website <http://home.pacbell.net/wa4lrm/chollas/main.htm>.

**FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO 2008 SETS SAIL ONCE AGAIN Military Tribute Event, The Sea and Air Parade**

will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at the San Diego Big Bay. Pay tribute to our San Diego military service men and women for "Serving America Twice:" in the defense of our nation and as volunteers in improving the quality of our communities. For more information contact Kelli Herwehe at (619) 713-0622.

**National Council of Negro Women presents Skills To Make It In Life Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Workshop**

will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bethune Elementary School (6835 Benjamin Holt rd.) at 9:00am-3:00pm. For Girls in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> (Girls divided into age appropriate groups and lunch will be served.) For more information please contact NCNW at (858) 217-5477.

**Second Chance presents "Community Job & Resource Fair and Adopt-A-House" new and improved for 2008**

will be held on Friday, May 16, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. For more information please contact Second Chance at (619) 234-8888.

**Fundraiser FISH FRY hosted by the Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council**

will be held on May 17, 2008 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Emerald Hills Park. For more information please contact Don Warner at (619) 307-0225.

**The First Annual Youth Achievement Festival presented by Councilmember Anthony Young and Councilmember Ben Hueso**

will be held on Saturday,



May 31, 2008 at 10:00am at Cesar Chavez Park(located at the end of Cesar Chaves Parkway) For more information contact Lourdes Borboa at (619) [236-6644](tel:236-6644)/[lbtorboa@sanidiego.gov](mailto:lbtorboa@sanidiego.gov) or Elena Burton at (619) [236-6688](tel:236-6688)/[eburton@sanidiego.gov](mailto:eburton@sanidiego.gov).

**Free Job Training for Senior Citizens** at the George Stevens Senior Center (570 S. 65<sup>th</sup> St.) Classes are from June 18-July 24, 2008 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. For more information, please contact (619) 266-2066; Space is limited!

**Operation Education in partnership with the What's Poppin with Big Willie G Show is offering the following courses for youth ages 10-19 years of age**  
Acting Lessons, How to break into the entertainment industry, How to produce a dance production and Voice lessons. Come discover your hidden talents! Learn tips and techniques from professionals and TV stars! Space is limited. Don't delay, sign up today! For more information regarding these exciting courses, please contact Tracey Davis at (619) 788-6042 or email [Tracey\\_L\\_Davis@hotmail.com](mailto:Tracey_L_Davis@hotmail.com).

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